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Kriminalität gegen Zuwanderer: „Fremdenfeindliche Straftaten sind dort häufiger, wo der Ausländeranteil niedrig ist“

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Intergroup contact theory

Prejudice ... may be reduced by equal status contact between majority and minority groups in the pursuit of common goals. The effect is greatly enhanced if this contact is sanctioned by institutional supports (i.e., by law, custom, or local atmosphere), and provided it is of a sort that leads to the perception of common interests and common humanity between members of the two groups.

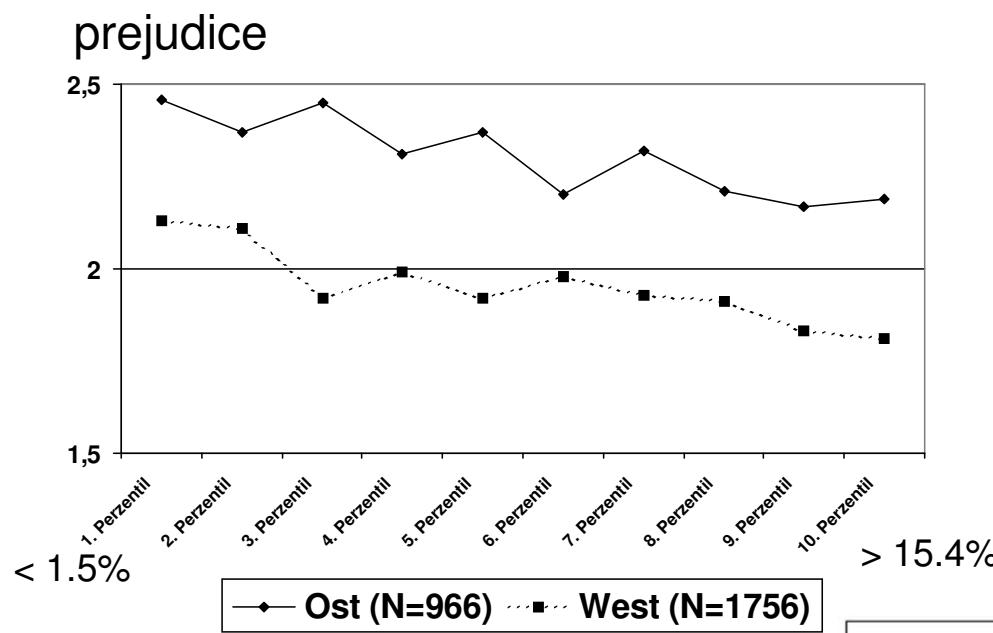
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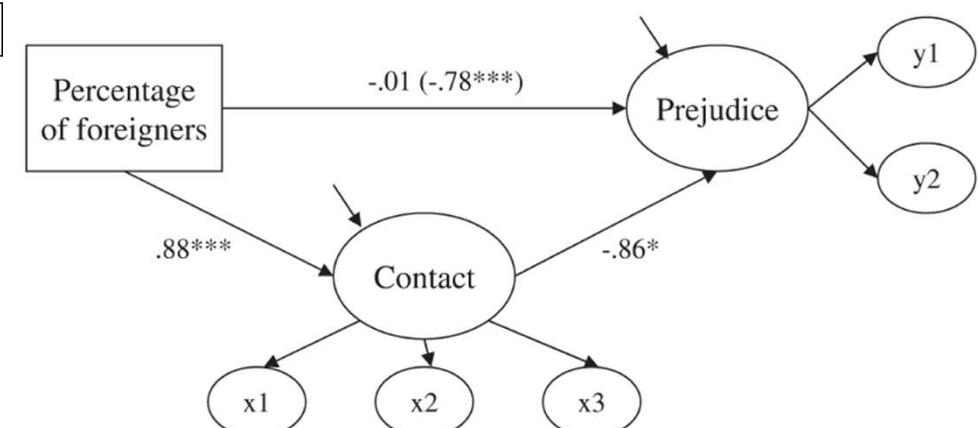
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Contact and prejudice



GFE-Survey 2002, N = 2722
 $r = -.27$



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Contact and violence againsts asylum seekers

Means, standard deviations, bivariate correlations, and beta coefficients from a hierarchical regression to predict xenophobic hate crimes ($N = 402$ districts)

	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	correlations								regression coefficients (β)	
			2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.		Model 1	Model 2
1. east (0) vs. west (1)	-	-	.27**	-.53**	.27**	-.61**	.50**	.19**	-.60**		-.47**	-.45**
2. GNP in 1,000 (2014)	33.47	14.60		-.09	.26	-.45**	.61*	.40**	-.02		.14**	.17**
3. % unemployment (2014)	6.28	2.89			-.20**	.44**	-.08	.29*	.54**		.30**	.32**
4. in-out migration (2014)	6.22	4.21				-.47**	.44**	.15**	-.09*		.07	.10*
5. age in district (2014)	44.38	1.87					-.64**	-.17**	.37**		.04	-.01
6. % foreigners (2014)	7.65	4.72						.36**	-.23**			-.14*
7. % refugees (2016)	1.90	0.90							.09			.06
8. hate crimes/100,000 inhabitants (2015)	10.20	8.56										$R^2 = .46$

Note: * $p < .05$; ** $p < .01$, two-tailed

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